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# PET SPECTIVE

A publication of NOCO Humane to further the compassionate, safe, and responsible relationship between animals and people.

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driving three hours roundtrip to meet her in person. “I was drawn to how beautiful and sweet she looked,” said Rebecca.

Once at NOCO Humane’s Weld Campus, Rebecca and Sympathy exchanged affectionate greetings, and soon after, were preparing for the drive back up the canyon to Sympathy’s new mountain home. Before leaving, however, Rebecca commented on Sympathy’s gentle demeanor, and renamed her Whisper.

With access to plenty of trails in Estes Park, Rebecca looks forward to having a walking buddy during her morning strolls. And after just one day of living together, Rebecca noted that Whisper “loves to prance around outdoors and already perks her ears way up when you say her name.” “She’s absolutely brilliant,” said Rebecca, “we’re going to grow old together.” Thanks to NOCO Humane’s expansion into Weld County, Rebecca and Whisper have found lifelong companions in one another.

Fast forward two months — dozens of homeless animals just like Whisper have found loving homes from within the walls of NOCO Humane’s Weld Campus, while dozens more have been reunited with their families.



Getting to this point was no easy task. With just four months to prepare for the colossal undertaking, NOCO Humane staff and volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure a smooth transition. Nearly 30 employees were hired, trained, and ready to hit the ground running at the Weld Campus on October 2, alongside sixteen dedicated volunteers.

“While there is still a lot of work ahead of us, this is a major milestone for the pets and people of northern Colorado,” said Judy Calhoun, CEO of NOCO Humane. As of November, hiring continues for additional full-time and part-time positions, and volunteer orientations are scheduled into the New Year.

As the personnel teams grow, so will service availability. One of the initial service objectives is the establishment of a Pet Pantry — a vital resource for those in need. The Pet Pantry will serve as a collection point for donated pet food and supplies. These essential provisions will be made available to pet families in need, in the hope that no pet goes hungry or lacks basic necessities.

Another much needed resource that NOCO Humane’s Weld Campus hopes to deliver is a series of community clinics. In time, these clinics will be designed to provide community pets with a range of essential services, including vaccinations, basic wellness exams, and eventually, spay/neuter surgeries. While it will take time to grow the staff’s capacity and resources to offer this community program, NOCO Humane recognizes that low cost veterinary care is in high demand and low supply. This is especially true in Weld County, where NOCO Humane is the only nonprofit animal shelter and service provider.

As NOCO Humane embarks on this new journey, a primary objective is to build strong, inclusive, and authentic connections within the Weld community. The staff and Board of Directors pledge to be patient listeners, eager learners, and hard workers, striving to grasp the unique dynamics, desires, and concerns of their expanded community. And just as Larimer Humane Society did for 54 years, NOCO Humane will work resolutely to further the compassionate, safe, and responsible relationship between animals and people.



# 'TIS THE SEASON

When you give to NOCO Humane this holiday season, you 'Give Hope' and create second chances for animals in need across northern Colorado. Here are just a few ways you can help heal, nurture, and protect those animals who just need some extra love.



Make a donation to our 2024 Give Hope campaign! For each animal that comes through our doors, it costs \$25 per day to provide shelter, medical treatment, nourishing food, and daily enrichment. Your dollars make a difference and have a huge impact for the animals we serve!



Purchase a 2024 Celebrating Second Chances calendar for yourself or as a gift for friends and family! Not only does your purchase support animals in our shelters, but you also support small local businesses through the calendar's monthly brewery coupons! You can learn more and purchase yours today by scanning the QR code on the back of the newsletter.



Did you know you can give directly to NOCO Humane through your Donor Advised Fund, stocks and securities, or cryptocurrency? Head over to [nocohumane.org/ways-to-give](https://nocohumane.org/ways-to-give) to learn more and make your gift today!




25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TOP CAT & TAILS GALA



# Caturday Night Fever

In late September, the community came together for a groovy time at Caturday Night Fever! The 25<sup>th</sup> annual Top Cat & Tails Gala, brought to you by Poudre Pet & Feed Supply, lowered the disco ball for a special evening of supporting vulnerable and homeless animals in northern Colorado. The community showed up in fashionable 70s outfits, danced the night away, and made Larimer Humane Society history with record-breaking results! Together, we raised over \$200,000 to provide life-saving medical care, food, and shelter for the 10,000+ animals that will arrive through our doors in the year to come. A big thank you to everyone for your support in making this event possible!




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# 2024 CELEBRATION OF SECOND CHANCES CALENDAR

Presented by Ent Credit Union, we have crafted the 2024 Celebration of Second Chances calendar to highlight the stories of more than twelve animals that found their second chance at NOCO Humane. Proceeds from each purchased calendar will be used to care for animals in need in northern Colorado.

Lucky for us, our local community of breweries joined the celebration by opening their doors (and taps!) to help even more animals in need. Purchase a calendar and receive 12 coupons to local breweries for BOGO pints! It's a win-win!

Quantities are limited and on a first come, first served basis – scan the QR code to buy yours TODAY!



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## MISSION

To further the compassionate, safe, and responsible relationship between animals and people.

## VISION

NOCO Humane is a trusted, responsive community leader, providing programs and services essential to the high quality of life for animals and people in northern Colorado.

## ABOUT NOCO HUMANE

NOCO Humane is an independent nonprofit agency. We are not a division of any county or city and are not funded by any national animal-welfare organizations. We are a 501(c)(3) corporation and we are governed by a volunteer board of directors. We turn no animals away.

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